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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO CLIFFORD MISSION'S ARRIVAL

MONDAY MORNING PRESS GAVE STRAIGHT COVERAGE OF AIRPORT ARRIVAL  
STATEMENTS BY CLIFFORD AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL.  
MOST PAPERS ALSO CARRIED REPORTS OF CLIFFORD COMMENTS TO PRESS  
IN ATHENS AT CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT THERE.

HEADLINES WERE BASED UPON CLIFFORD QUOTES FROM HIS ATHENS  
DEPARTURE: "TURKISH-GREEK DISPUTES ARE MUCH MORE SERIOUS  
THAN WE THOUGHT" (MILLIYET) AND "PRESIDENT CARTER WILL TAKE  
LONG TIME TO DETERMINE NEW POLICY TOWARD ANKARA AND  
ATHENS." (GUNAYDIN); ON HIS ANKARA ARRIVAL -- "CARTER'S  
SENDING ME AS SPECIAL ENVOY DEMONSTRATES IMPORTANCE HE GIVES  
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TURKEY" (CUMHURIYET) AND "TURKEY IS SOUTHEASTERN FORTRESS OF  
NATO." (TERCUMAN)

IN CONTRAST LARGEST CIRCULATING HURRIYET BANNERS "WE DO NOT  
WANT CLIFFORD'S MEDIATION."

REPORTAGE IN MOST PAPERS EMPHASIZES CAGLAYANGIL'S AIRPORT

STATEMENT THAT "TURKISH VIEWS OF NATO AND TURKEY'S PROPER PLACE IN NATO WILL BE EXPLAINED PRECISELY." HURRIYET HOWEVER CONTINUES ITS STORY WITH OUTLINE OF POINTS THAT TURKS WILL MAKE TO CLIFFORD TO ASSURE FULL UNDERSTANDING BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION; (A) "ESPECIALLY TURKISH VIEW THAT CYPRUS, TURKISH-GREEK AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS MUST BE TREATED AS SEPARATE ISSUES," (B) "THAT SHOULD CLIFFORD BE THINKING OF STOP ON HIS RETURN TO EXPLAIN TURKISH VIEWS TO THE AUTHORITIES IN ATHENS, TURKS WOULD MAKE IT KNOWN THEY DO NOT FEEL NEED OF IT AND DO NOT WANT MEDIATION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY," (C) INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS WHERE ON POSITIVE COURSE AND THEREFORE HAD NO CONNECTION WITH TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. (D) TURKISH PATIENCE HAD RUN OUT AFTER TWO YEARS OF WAITING FOR UNITED STATES TO CHANGE ITS UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE. WHILE TURKEY WAS FULFILLING ITS OBLIGATIONS TOWARD NATO, FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS TOWARD TURKEY HAD BEEN MORE OR LESS SHELVED.

HURRIYET ASCRIBED THESE TALKING POINTS TO INFORMED ANKARA SOURCES.

NO MAJOR PAPERS MONDAY CARRIED EDITORIALS OR OTHER OPINION ARTICLES.  
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